



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05552.1464-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Udo KRUPKA )  
Application No.: 10/561,343 ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
PCT Filed: June 17, 2004 )  
§ 371 Date: December 22, 2005 ) Examiner: Sharon L. Hurt  
For: NOVEL SURFACE PROTEIN ) Confirmation No.: 5936  
(HBsAg) VARIANT OF THE )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Applicant now replies to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007. This response is accompanied by a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to July 5, 2007 (as July 4<sup>th</sup> is a Federal holiday) and fee payment. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include:

**A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time** with fee payment, and  
**an Amendment Transmittal sheet.**

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